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CHIEF MINISTER OF MADRAS

FORT ST. GEORGE
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D.O. No. 6653/56-1

My dear Nijalingappa,

I am in receipt of your D.O. No. CH. 797, dated the 19th/20th December, 1956.

2. Shri Pataskar's inquiry is confined to the claims of the Madras and Andhra Pradesh States in respect of certain areas on the Madras-Andhra border, and that inquiry is being held in pursuance of the assurances given by the Prime Minister in 1953, in regard to boundary disputes between the Madras and Andhra States, when he announced the Government of India's decision to form the Andhra State. These assurances did not cover any areas in Madras State, which may be claimed by the Mysore State. We are unable, therefore, to agree to Shri Pataskar extending his inquiry to any claims that may be put forward by the Mysore State in respect of any areas in this State.

3. Consistently with the guiding principle adopted by it and mentioned in paragraph 291 of its report, the States Reorganisation Commission has definitely negatived the claims for the inclusion, in the Karnataka State, of any area in Madras State besides Kollegal taluk, and its recommendation has been accepted by the Government of India and Parliament. We cannot, therefore, agree to this decision of Parliament being reopened.

4. Talavadi is only one of the firkas of Gobichettipalayam taluk, which is a predominantly Tamil area. The Commission was, therefore, fully justified in holding that there was no sufficient case for detaching this one firka from Gobichettipalayam taluk and for its inclusion in the Mysore State.

5. As for Hosur taluk, less than one-third (31.5%) of its population is Kannada, and no single language has an absolute majority in the taluk. The correct and equitable course, accordingly, is, as held by the Commission, to maintain the integrity of Salem district by retaining that taluk in Madras State. We are, therefore, unable to agree that there is any case for any further investigation of Mysore's claims to Hosur taluk.

Yours sincerely,

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